demand and availability of finished mild steel in the country during 1999-2000.

(b) and (c) The Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plants are being expanded to attain capacities of 4 million tonnes of ingot steel per annum. These capacities will be attained by about the middle of 1988.

Schemes have been formulated to modernise the steel plants at Rourkela Durgapur and Burnpur so that they may be able to operate at their capacities. During the 7th Plan, there are provisions of Rs. 360 crores and Rs. 460 crores for the modernisation of the plants at Rourkela and Durgapur, respectively. However, in view of constraint of resources, no provision has been possible for modernisation of IISCO. The possibility of obtaining technical and financial assistance for this scheme from Japan is being explored.

TISCO is expanding its capacity to 2.1 million tonnes of saleable steel.

The Visakahapatnam Steel Plant is expected to be commissioned at the beginning of the 8th Plan.

Arrears of House Rent and Electricity charges outstanding against Ministers

535 .SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of amount outstanding against every former Union Minister and former M.P. on account of house rent and electricity and water charges, separately ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : The Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Housing work to big companies

536. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority propose to award housing work to big construction companies on turnkey basis; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) DDA has invited tenders for construction of 12,000 pre-fabricated houses based on large panel industrialised building technique.

Posts reserved for SC/ST in Government of India Press

537. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts reserved for the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Tribes in the cadre of section holder, reader, compositor Grade I and other administrative staff in all branches of Government of India Press (including Rashtrapati Bhawan Press);

(b) the number of such posts actually filled by those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the above cadres during the last three years;

(c) the number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were carried forward over the last three years; and

(d) the number of vacancies dereserved in each grade/post and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Directives issued to State Governments regarding children in jails

538. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about two years back the then Union Minister of Social Welfare had written to the various State Governments about children languishing in jails in contravention of the Children's Act;

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken by Government to know the implementation of the directive issued to the various State Governments and what is the result achieved; and

(c) whether in view of the magnitude of the problem of the suffering children, Government have considered the desirability of having a fresh look at the entire legislation in this regard and its administration; if so, what is the result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Minister of State in the Ministries of Education and Culture and Social Welfare took up on 22-10-1982 this matter with the Chief Ministers/Administrators of the States/Union Territories with a view to providing requisite infrastructure as contemplated under the Children Acts in all the districts. Further on 22-12-83, the Union Home Secretary asked that the services under the Children Acts may be developed to check the inflow of children to prisons and efforts made to finally remove all the children currently lodged in prisons. On 9th May, 1985, the Prime Minister directed all the Chief Ministers that under no circumstances children be committed to police custody or to judicial custody in prisons, and the children in prisons should be removed from there forthwith.

(b) The feed-back received from the different States and Union Territories in response to the references show that wherever necessary, the State Governments are taking action to ensure that children are not sent to jails, by additing to the existing infrastructure under the Children's Acts, as well as by issue of instructions to the High Courts and other authorities. Instructions are also being issued, to transfer the children in various jails to Children's Homes. Some of the State Governments are also involving voluntary organisations in the efforts. one State Government is also taking steps to denotify all jails/sub-jails which are now declared as temporary reception homes and drawing up a phased programme for taking over all delinquent children from jails and transferring them to the Homes. The Ministry of Welfare is regularly pursuing the issue with the different State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India is considering to make some amendments in the Children's Act.

गंगा नदी पर चल रही सिंचाई योजनाएं

539. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गंगा नदी पर कौन-कौन सी सिंचाई योजनाएं चल रही हैं ; विशेष रूप से बिहार और पश्चिमी बंगाल में गंगा के जल का पूरा उपयोग करने हेतु कौन-कौन सी योजनाएं बनाये जाने का विचार है : और

(ख) क्या दियारे की भूमि की सिंचाई हेतु कोई योजना अब तक बना ली गई है ?